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1. Border controls at the Polish-East German border have been increased as a result of the large number of refugees who succeeded in crossing the border during the spring of 1953. Barbed wire obstacles have been enlarged, a new lighting system has been created, and the number of border guard units has been increased.
2. The Polish WOP troops have been withdrawn along the northern part (formerly East Prussia) of the Polish-Soviet border. On the Polish side the border is guarded only by the Citizens Militia (MO). This has brought about an influx of Soviets into Olsztyn province; the Soviets come over the border on an ordinary permit and do their shopping in Poland. On the Soviet side, the border continues to be guarded by MVD troops and these, since 1 June 1953, have begun to guard both railroads and highways leading from Kaliningrad to Malbork to Chojnice and from Kaliningrad to Bartoszyce to Grajewo, even on Polish territory. Patrolling is carried out by small units, quartered in small Polish towns.
3. The temporary bridge over the Olza river at Cieszyn is about to be replaced by a new concrete bridge, 12 meters wide. The bridge connects the Polish part of the town of Cieszyn with the Czechoslovak part, Cesky Tesin. The work is under the supervision of Soviet engineers.¹
4. A new automobile repair workshop of considerable capacity is being built at Gdynia.
5. the automobile factory at Zeran will be converted to the production of complete passenger vehicles. the Polish industry cannot manufacture automobile engines.
6. Passenger cars for the Soviet railroads are now being built at the J. Stalin Factory (formerly the H. Cegielski Works) in Poznan. Each car has 89 seats or 58 sleeping berths, together with its own lighting system. The equipment is said to be de luxe. It is said that the railroad cars will be used for the trans-Siberian traffic.

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1. comment: This probably refers to the street bridge at Cieszyn. Information is lacking with regard to the railroad bridge.

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